

Mr. DeLoach

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TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,
MAY 26, 1967 - JUNE 8, 1967 ON
ANNUAL LEAVE BY SPECIAL AGENT
WARREN C. DE BRUYE

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. de Bruys
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Callahan
① - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Felt

This is to obtain approval for SA Warren C. de Bruys, recently transferred from New Orleans to the Civil Rights Section, to return to New Orleans on 5/26/67 on annual leave in order to complete the transportation of his household effects and his family to Washington, D. C., and handle other personal and legal matters resulting from his transfer.

Although news media have indicated District Attorney Jim Garrison of New Orleans has had a subpoena in connection with his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy issued in SA de Bruys' name, which subpoena could be served while SA de Bruys is in the New Orleans Area, the U. S. Attorney at New Orleans has already indicated that Garrison could legally subpoena de Bruys outside of Louisiana.

In view of this, it appears that SA de Bruys should proceed with his plans, and if he is served with a subpoena, the U. S. Attorney, New Orleans, and the Department will be immediately advised and consulted for a determination as to action to be taken thereon.

By way of background, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, SA de Bruys handled investigations pertaining to security matters, including cases involving anti-Castro subjects and organizations, as well as the case involving the Fairplay for Cuba Committee. On the day subsequent to President Kennedy's assassination, SA de Bruys reported for special assignment at Dallas, Texas, in connection with the investigation of that matter, where he remained for approximately two months before returning to New Orleans. SA de Bruys was

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assigned to the New Orleans Division from 1961 until 2/1/67, the date of his departure from New Orleans on transfer to the Seat of Government.

SA Regis L. Kennedy was also subpoenaed by Jim Garrison in connection with the assassination investigation and has appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on 5/17/67 and invoked privilege in not responding to certain questions directed to him on the authority of the Attorney General of the United States. Assistant U. S. Attorney John C. Cielino, New Orleans, advised subsequent to SA Kennedy's appearance that the District Attorney's Office had indicated that SA Kennedy was officially excused.

ACTION:

If approved, SA de Brueys will proceed on annual leave for New Orleans as planned and if served with a subpoena, the U. S. Attorney and Department will be immediately consulted for determination as to action to be taken thereon.

ADDENDUM: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION: 5/22/67 - WAB:chs:

A subpoena has been issued by District Attorney Garrison and an attempt was made to serve this subpoena on Special Agent de Brueys at the New Orleans Office. Because of Departmental interest in the Garrison investigation and because Special Agent de Brueys would be required to invoke Departmental order 324-64 (Confidential Character of Bureau Files and Information), it would be a further test of that order, it is believed advisable to put the Department on notice in writing of Special Agent de Brueys' intention to visit New Orleans, prior to his departure.

Garrison's decoding procedure as set forth by news media was examined in the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section. That Section reports that it would appear to involve a complex manipulation of two letters and five digits, which Garrison misinterprets as "PO 19106" and thereafter arbitrarily changes by adding telephone dial equivalents for "P" and "O", or $7 + 6$ equals 13, then arbitrarily splits this 13 into two segments of 9 and 4 which he re-equates on the telephone dial to "WH. " In a similarly arbitrary fashion, Garrison changes 19106 by rearrangement into 16901 and then subtracts 1300 from this rearranged number to obtain 15601. Combining the two manipulations, he comes up with "WH 1-5601" which was Jack Ruby's telephone number. Garrison's purported decipherment is an arbitrary manipulation of letters and numbers to arrive at a predetermined conclusion and no technical validation for it can be found.

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